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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Lixiao Wang et al
Serial No.: 08/685,338
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For: HIGH COMPLIANCE, HIGH STRENGTH
CATHETER BALLOONS USEFUL FOR
TREATMENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL
LESION
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed September 19, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 18-28 and 33 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed September 19, 1997, a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 was issued, asserting that claims 1-17, 29-32 and 34 (Group I) describe a distinct invention from that of claims 18-28 and 33 (Group II).

In response, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, that is claims 1-17, 29-32 and 34. Applicant is cancelling the claims of Group II without prejudice and reserves the right to file a divisional case asserting such claims.